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Serial No.: 10/081,357

Group Art Unit: not assigned

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For: Screen Cloth Insertion Apparatus and Method

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ON March 18, 2002  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- Together with the present application.
- Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97(c)]. (Either the fee or certification is provided, as set forth below)

After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]. The fee and certification are provided, as set forth below).

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

No separate requirements are needed.  
 No additional fee is required.

**Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) or 1.97(d)**

The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

**Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned certifies:

1 that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or

2 that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

**Provision of Copies of References**

A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

A translation of Reference\_\_ is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

- A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.
- A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.

**Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted**

- This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s). **09/379,102**, filed **8/23/99**; and **08/997,737** filed **12/24/97**. The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application: all references on attached form 1449
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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	B	2,791,264	05/07/57	Couse	154	41	
	C	3,255,810	06/14/66	Rowbottam	160	354	
	D	3,296,056	01/03/67	Bechtold	156	461	
	E	3,373,545	03/19/68	Setnan	55	501	
	F	3,542,619	11/24/70	M.J. McManus	156	275	
	G	3,756,881	09/04/73	S.A. Denman	156	108	
	H	3,871,153	03/18/75	Birum, Jr.	52	624	
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	N	2,630,037	10/20/89	France			x

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	S 4,675,065	06/23/87	Gordon	156	272.8	
	T 4,684,425	08/04/87	Bannister	156	216	
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	AC	5,238,515	08/24/93	Insalaco et al.	156	201	
	AD	5,258,083	11/02/93	Monk et al.	156	64	
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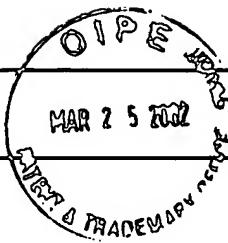
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	BF	DE 29701908U1	4/2/97	Germany			x
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